



ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY
DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT

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Attention All Licensees

New DES Authority to Revoke or Suspend Licenses for Failure to Pay Child Support

The Department of Economic Security, Division of Child Support Enforcement (DCSE), has legal authority to suspend or revoke the occupational or professional licenses of persons who have deliberately not paid their child support for over six months.

Veronica M. Hart Ragland, DCSE Assistant Director, reported that approximately 95 percent of cases with child support obligations are delinquent. Many child support obligors are self-employed and may hold a state of Arizona professional or occupational license or certificate.

Participation by licensing agencies, boards and commissions in an automated reporting system will enable DCSE to contact delinquent obligors and take appropriate action to collect past due payments.

“While it is certainly not our goal to deprive people of the ability to work, we believe that our legal authority to revoke or suspend licenses will encourage compliance with the law to make child support payments,” said Ragland.

Individuals, who may be delinquent in paying their child support, may contact DCSE Customer Service at (602) 252-4045, or outside Maricopa County 1-800-882-4151, for further information or to make child support payment arrangements.

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